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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of)	Examiner: D. Brittingham
Inventors: Lau et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3308
U.S. Serial No. 09/084,797)	Docket No. ACS 44487 (3809.2)
Filed: May 26, 1998)	
For:	EXPANDABLE STENTS AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME)))	Los Angeles, California August 20, 1998

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is being filed to correct for erroneously filed drawing figures, and to amend the claims prior to examination.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the originally filed three sheets of drawings containing FIGS. 1-7 with the enclosed four sheets of drawings containing FIGS. 1-14. The undersigned counsel only recently discovered that the incorrect drawings were filed along with the divisional application and